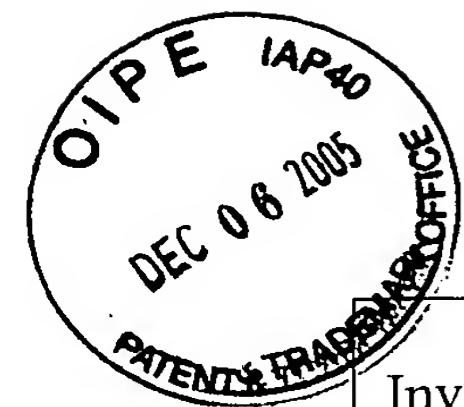


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 15, 2005, applicants elect with traverse to prosecute Group II, claims 29-31 directed toward the sodium salt of benzisoxazole methane sulfonic acid.

Applicants request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn because it would not be undue burden to examine claims 29-31 directed toward a crystalline form of benzisoxazole methane sulfonic acid. There would not be undue burden to search for all crystalline forms of ONE COMPOUND, i.e., benzisoxazole methane sulfonic acid, which are all classified under class 548, subclass 241.

Applicant's Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview

The undersigned telephoned Examiner Anderson on November 8, 2005 informing her that the Restriction Requirement dated October 25, 2005 was improper for covering claims that had been canceled with the Preliminary Amendment filed March 15, 2004. Examiner Anderson indicated that she would send out another Restriction Requirement directed toward the pending claims.

In the event that the filing of this paper is deemed not timely, applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. The petition fee and any other fees that may be required in relation to this paper can be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0600 referencing Attorney Docket No. 01662/579021.

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